

REMARKS

Claims 20, 22-25, 33-37, and 38-144 remain in this application. Claims 11-19, 21, 26-29, and 31-32 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 20, 22-25, 33-34, and 36-37 have been amended. New claims 38-144 have been added. The amended claims and the added claims are supported by the specification and no new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully requests consideration of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Notice of Other Issued Patents

The Applicants want to put the Examiner on notice that there are other issued patents with the same specification as the above captioned application. The issued patents include U.S. Pat. No. 6,122,725, U.S. Pat. No. 6,192,467, and U.S. Pat. No. 6,230,253.

Conclusion

It is believed that all pending claims patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the claims be allowed at the earliest possible date.

Request For Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call Brent E. Vecchia at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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